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TOPIC flying over Kuestrin

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Six north-bound jet fighters with swept-back wings and noticeably high rudder assembly flew over Kuestrin (O 53/V 66) along the Oder River about 3 p.m. on 16 March 1950 at an altitude of about 1,000 meters.
2. Two east-bound squadrons, each of six to seven planes, flew over Kuestrin on 16 March 1950 at an altitude of about 1,000 meters.

Description: Single-engine, rounded wing tips, retracted landing gear, not noticeably fast, similar to Me-109. The planes were flying in squadron wedge formation.

3. Thirty-two aircraft of the same type were flying in the same formation over Kuestrin at 3:30 p.m. on 17 March 1950. They came from the west and headed east.

This flying activity was particularly conspicuous since no aircraft formations have before been seen over Kuestrin this year.

4. A west-bound courier plane was daily observed flying over Kuestrin at 7:30 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m. heading east. Its flight altitude, generally, was 300 meters. Description: Low-wing monoplane, rounded wing tips, twin-engine, double rudder assembly, no windows in fuselage, moderate speed, very loud noise of engine.

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Comment:

a. The information in para 1 does not indicate to which unit the observed jet planes (type 14) are assigned. It has not been reported that airfields near Kuestrin are occupied by jet aircraft.

b. The information on fighter units (Yaks) flying from the west to east possibly is the first indication that fighter units have been transferred from Soviet Zone airfields farther to the east. Provided this assumption is correct fighters assigned to units recently reequipped with jet aircraft have probably been transferred. The report does not indicate to which units these aircraft are assigned.

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